

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph starting on Page 1, line 16, with the following paragraph:

This application is related to the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. patent applications: “Methods, Functional Data, and Systems to represent a Storage Environment,” attorney docket no. 1557.001US1, serial number 09/997,602 filed November 29, 2001; “Methods, Systems and Apparatus to Interface with Storage Objects,” attorney docket no. 1557.0003US1, serial number 09/997,612 filed November 29, 2001; “Systems, Methods and Apparatus for Creating Stable Disk Images”, attorney docket no. 1557.004US1, serial number 10/087,230, filed February 28, 2002, and “Methods and Systems to Interface Storage Objects, attorney docket no. 1557.005US1, serial number 09/997,350, filed November 29, 2001 ~~filed November 29, 2001~~, each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.